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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) A method of opening a closed gate valve comprising:  
providing a valve override system comprising:

an engagement means being adapted for engaging a gate of the  
gate valve assembly such that said engagement means is  
for urging the gate of the gate valve assembly into an open  
position to allow fluid to pass through the gate valve  
assembly;

said engagement means comprising a rigid elongate member, said  
rigid elongate member being adapted for extending through  
a casing of the gate valve assembly such that said rigid  
elongate member engages a bottom edge of the gate of the  
gate valve assembly;

said rigid elongate member having threads, said threads of said  
rigid elongate member being adapted for threadably  
engaging the casing of the gate valve assembly, said rigid  
elongate member being adapted for being rotated with  
respect to the casing of the gate valve assembly for  
changing the length of said rigid elongate member  
positioned in the gate valve assembly to actuate the gate of  
the gate valve assembly;

an inhibiting member being adapted for selectively engaging the  
casing of the gate valve assembly, said inhibiting member  
being adapted for inhibiting environmental communication